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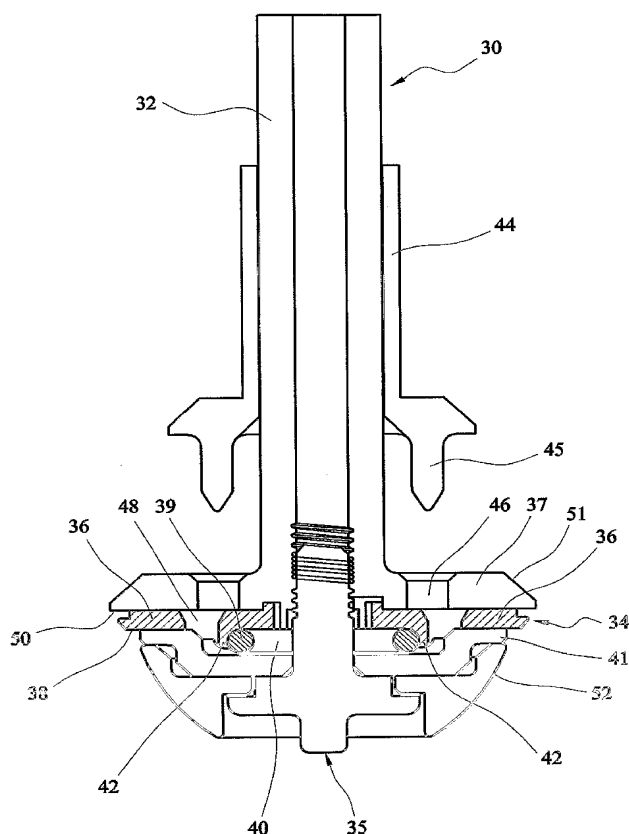
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(54) Title: AN INSTRUMENT FOR POSITIONING A CUP COMPONENT OF AN ORTHOPAEDIC JOINT PROSTHESIS



(57) Abstract: An instrument (30) for positioning a cup component (2) of an orthopaedic joint prosthesis comprises a shaft (32), and a flange (34) towards the end (35) of the shaft on which the cup component can be fixed. The flange (34) extends from the shaft (32) transversely, and can be retracted from an in-use position in which the flange (34) can be received in a groove (6) in the internal surface of the cup component, when positioned over the said end of the instrument, to a retracted position in which the flange (34) is withdrawn towards the axis of the shaft (32) from the in-use position. Retraction of the flange (34) allows the cup component to be released from the instrument (30). The flange (34) comprises a plurality of radially spaced apart flange portions (36). At least one of the flange portions (36) is retractable and biased towards the in-use position.



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